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COMMODORE'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR BBSA SAILORS!

May the New Year be prosperous and healthy to all my BBSA friends. May you have a fast boat, a great crew, cold beer and lots of silver, also smooth sailing, long sunsets, more cold beer and many new friendships. That's the way it was for me last year, and I thank you. This past year has been the best job, and the most enjoyable, I've ever had.

I welcome our new Commodore Jim Williams, and I know you will accept him and give him the help and cooperation that I enjoyed so much. His energy will astound you. It's great to have you on board Jim.

Many of you, like myself are planning and plotting the next season. Armchair sailing this time of the year is most comfortable. My plans include sailing the Annapolis-Newport race in June. I love bluewater sailing and I love racing. I'm sailing in the A fleet this year. A whole new set of players. I'm excited, and hopeful, and hoping a new set of sails will be the trick. Wish me luck!

BBSA has had a wonderful year. We added the Cape Charles Cup, which may ultimately be the party weekend of the year, and the Atlantic Neptune Regatta, which negotiations are under way for this to be sponsored by WEST MARINE. Check my math but I think between Wednesday night and Thurs. night and all the other races we sponsor, BBSA is the largest sailing club in the bay. BRAVO!

The annual change of command dinner will be held at the Beach Club at Duck-In, Friday, January 28, at 7pm. Dust off the boat shoes, find a tie and be there for the best time of the year. I'm looking forward to our dinner and I hope to see everyone there!

Good sailing, Mike

FEBRUARY MEETING New Venue

Since the Annual Dinner and Change of Command will be on Friday, January 28th, we will hold the February meeting on the fourth Tuesday (February 22) instead of the third. The meeting will be held in a new location – Pancho Villa's of New York, 1069 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach (just east of Bird Neck Road). They have great food at reasonable prices, and we'll have a nice meeting room at the left end of the restaurant. For those whose tastes do not run to Mexican cuisine, they have soups, salads and wonderful-sounding desserts (including fried ice cream). The meeting will begin at 7:30 and the program at 8:00. You are welcome to dine before, during or after the official activities.

You won't want to miss this one! I have asked Jim Miller of Quantum Sails to join us. Former Commodore Dave Baxter, founder of Baxter Sailmakers, has been a cornerstone of our club for many years. I assume that he has had ample opportunity to provide the "local loft" approach, so I thought it would be interesting to provide a "big loft" perspective. I've asked Jim to be prepared to discuss sailcloth types, differences between racing, coastal cruising and bluewater cruising sail recommendations, price differences among the various technologies, and how prices change as boat size increases. Bring your best questions, and bring a guest or two!

See you there, Jim Williams

Chart your course to Pancho' Villa's of New York

20 Cruising 05

We are going to continue the tradition of a Cruise Planning Party to schedule the cruises for this year and to provide a time to visit with friends before the sailing season starts. The date is March 6 and it will be at our home, 4524 Black Cove Rd., Virginia Beach. More details later.

For those who are new to BBSA cruising, we will schedule the dates for the cruises and cruisers will select a cruise to sponsor. A cruise sponsor will plan the cruise destination – anchor – raft – or marina, make arrangements with a marina and restaurant if that is your choice, or schedule a cookout or other activity. In other words, it is yours to plan and to make as interesting as possible. We have weekend cruises, a one-week cruise and generally a two-week cruise that sometimes meshes with the one-week cruise. The central theme of our cruises is informality and a gathering for drinks and stories after the sail at the end of the day.

If you haven't cruised with us or haven't cruised for a few years, we invite you to join the fun and let us share your experiences and ideas.

Bev and Jim Borberg

20 The Year Ahead 05

It's a new year, the days are getting longer, and it won't be long until we flush out the pink antifreeze and start our spring cleaning in anticipation of another glorious sailing season. As I drove US-1 in the Greater Middle Keys, I saw plenty of go-fast, big money boats headed for Key West Race Week. By the time you read this the event will be over, but the skippers and crews will have started their season. That reminds me that BBSA is starting a new "season" as well.

That realization started me thinking about last year and the year ahead. From my perspective, Mike and his team did a superb job of running the Association in 2004, even if they did have to drag along the Vice Commodore. I wasn't involved in the establishment of the Cape Charles regatta, but from what I've heard it was a terrific event. I did have the opportunity to help establish the first annual Neptune's Atlantic Regatta, and from my perspective it went very well (with the exception of the current and wind refusing to cooperate). Many of our members have been involved in setting up high profile events such as this one, and certainly know how many things can go wrong. Mike and Eva made sure that very little went wrong with this one.

I learned a lot about being a commodore from this effort. Optimism, attention to detail, optimism, planning, optimism, follow-up, optimism and delegation were keys to Mike's extraordinary results. Even after the race Mike kept developing the event, and negotiated with the CCV scheduler to make sure that the 2005 race didn't occur on the day before a CCV High Point race. I know for a fact that the current will be more helpful for this year's race, and I am already lobbying for more wind. We are also planning to promote the event more, and look to have a substantial increase in participation this year. We will likely make a few changes in the course to make the race more attractive to the not-so-fast, and we have some ideas that will bring more skippers to the oceanfront following the race.

But racing isn't the only scene where BBSA will improve. For one thing the cruising weather should be better – it could hardly have worse timing than it had in 2004. Then there are the areas that are within our control. I believe that every organization – be it a sailing club, business, charity, religious, military or other organization – should examine itself occasionally and make sure that it is fulfilling its mission. BBSA's official object is "...to promote Corinthian sailing and sail racing in and around Virginia Beach and on the Chesapeake Bay." In addition to our official mission, I think we could mentally add "and to promote fellowship among all those who love the sea and sailing."

How can we improve our pursuit of these goals? I believe that we can do so by repeatedly asking ourselves three essential questions:

• Why do I belong to BBSA?

- Why should I ask someone I've just met to join?
- What changes could BBSA make that would strengthen my answers to the first two questions?

We will all have different answers to these questions. I hope that no one would answer "darned if I know", but if so, that can tell us about ourselves as well. For me, I belong because of the camaraderie, the affordability, the interesting "special" meetings such as our Rover event and ODU meetings, and to support the organization that sponsors my beloved Thursday night racing. I suggest joining BBSA because of the friendliness of the members, which makes it easier for newcomers to the area, sailing, or both to make new friends and develop their sailing skills and/or local knowledge. The improvements that I would most like to see are 1) to ensure that our meeting venues support the presentation of programs at our meetings, and 2) to arrange for interesting programs at all our "regular" meetings.

Your answers might be similar to mine or totally different. Of course, there are no "right" or wrong" answers. But what the organization needs from you is FEEDBACK. Feel free to call, email or snailmail your comments and suggestions to me at any time, or slip me a note at a meeting or race. My contact information is in the book, or you can email me at commodore@broadbaysailing.org. Also, I plan to use a feedback form at our meetings, starting in February. Please take the time to complete the form, either at the meeting or afterwards. If you do so after the meeting, you can phone or email your responses in. I promise to read and consider all input, even though we may not be able to implement every suggestion or cure every problem.

Speaking of feedback – I think that the Banter is a perfect place for us to keep in touch with what's going on in each other's lives. Got a new boat, dog, kid or grandkid? Pick up a new spouse or ditch an old one? Someone in the family get a big promotion, pass the bar, or ease into retirement? Let me know and we'll publish it.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the installation dinner. Until then, I wish you warm breezes and following seas.

Jim Williams

I prepared two lists for the December Banter, the BBSA racing schedule, and the roster of officers and committee chairmen for the coming year. With the first I added the final approved dates to my list of races and, as I frequently do, did'not save my changes. With the latter I relied on my feeble memory.

You will find the correct BBSA race dates within the Region 4 (South) Handicap Racing Schedule which is included below. Those receiving this via email will see the BBSA events printed in red. Recipients of the Banter on paper will have to dig for them, looking for "BBSA" in the club column.

The corrected roster of officers and committee chairmen, with phone numbers and email addresses follows:

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20 RACING 05

US SAILING BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT COURSE

Hosted by: Rappahannock River Yacht Club, Irvington, VA February 26, 2005, Saturday, 8:00am - 5:30pm

This course covers all aspects of basic race management and meets the course requirements for US Sailing Club Race Officer certification. It is OPEN TO ALL. At the end of the day the certification test will be given to those attendees who wish to take it. Test fees, refreshments, and lunch are included in the \$15 fee. The lead instructor, John McCarthy, is a US Sailing Approved Course Instructor as well as a Certified Judge and Certified Advance Race Officer. He will be assisted by Blaine Liner (RRYC). To register contact: Blaine Liner at (804) 435-0162 or email at liner@crosslink.net; or Lin McCarthy at mcbear@earthlink.net.

2005 REGION 4 (SOUTH) HANDICAP RACING SCHEDULE

FINAL January 10, 2005

Bold Print = CCV event, scored for CCV High Point Championships Sanction Numbers = CBYRA sanctioned events which qualify for CBYRA High Point Awards (N beside the number indicates Region 4 NORTH sanction number; * beside the number(s) indicates wild card event for CBYRA-PHRF High Point)

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#	Date Day	Club	Racing Event	Classe		
	Apr 2 Sat	OPCYC	Saturday Races begin		PNC	
	Apr 6 Wed	HYC	Wednesday Night Races begin		PN	
	Apr 10 Sun	CCV	CCV Tune-UP Races	PN		
	Apr 13 Wed	BBSA	Little Creek Wed Nights begin	PN		
	Apr 14 Thur	BBSA	Willoughby Thurs Nights begin		PNC	
401	Apr 17 Sun	CCV	CCV Spring Series Race #1	PN		
	Apr 20 Wed	YRYC	Wednesday Night Racing begin	S	PN	
402	Apr 24 Sun	CCV	CCV Spring Series Race #2	PN		
	May 6 Fri	PBC	Barnacle Friday Nights begin		N	
403	May 15 Sun	CCV	CCV Spring Series		PN	
404			Race #3 and Race #4			
405	May 21 Sat	BBSA	Cape Henry Cup		PNC	
	May 22 Sun	HYC	J24 Fleet 71 Spring Regatta		J24	
406*	Jun 3 Fri	HYC	Black Seal Cup / SBRW		PN COD C	
407*	Jun 4 Sat	OPCYC	Black Seal Cup / SBRW		PN COD C	
408*	Jun 5 Sun	CCV	Black Seal Cup / SBRW		PN COD C	
409	Jun 11 Sat	PBC	Hometowne Regatta		PNC	
410	Jun 11 Sat	YRYC	York River Cup		PN	
411	Jun 18 Sat	HYC	Big Boat Annual	PNC J	24	
	Jun 25 Sat	PBC/Ports.	Cock Island Race		PN	
412	Jul 2 Sat	NYCC	Dink Vail Annual Regatta			PNC
440N	Jul 9 Sat	FBYC	So. Ches. Bay Leukemia Regatta		PNMC	
	Jul 16 Sat	BBSA / PBC	Little Bay Challenge (Willoughby)	N		
*	Jul 17-19 Sun-	TueSMSA	Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge	PN CO	D	
413	Jul 23-24 Sat-	Sun BBS	A Cape Charles Cup		PNC	
414	Jul 31 Sun	CCV	NOT Smith Point Race	PN		
	Aug 6 Sat	BBSA	Little Creek Cup		PNC	
415	Aug 7 Sun	HYC	Hampton Roads Hospice		PNC	
	Aug 13 Sat	HYC	Tom Brady Masters Race		N	

417	Aug 14	Sun	CCV	CCV Founders Race	PN		
418	Aug 19	Fri	HYC	Plantation Light Race		PN	
419	Aug 28	Sun	LYC	Veterans Cup		PN	
	Aug 28	Sun	HYC	J24 Fleet 71 Summer Regatta		J24	
420	Sep 3	Sat	NYCC	Labor Day Weekend Race			PNC
444N	Sep 3-4	Sat-Sun	FBYC	Stingray Point Regatta		PNM C	OD
*	Sep 3-5	Sat-Mon	CBYRA	CBYRA Annapolis Race Week	PNM C	OD	
	Sep 10	Sat	CNU	Executive Cup		PNC	
	Sep 17		NNSA	Tri-Services Regatta			PNC
421	Sep 18		CCV	CCV Fall Series Race #1		PN	
422	Sep 25		CCV	CCV Fall Series Race #2		PN	
423	Oct 1	Sat	BBSA	Neptune Atlantic Race	PNC Ca	at	
	Oct 2	Sun	HYC	Singlehand Race		N	
	Oct 8	Sat	BBSA	Willoughby Racers Memorial Reg.	N		
424	Oct 9	Sun	CCV	CCV Fall Series		PN	
425				Race #3 and Race #4			
426	Oct 22	Sat	OPCYC	'Round the Lights Race		PNC	
	Oct 23	Sun	HYC	J24 Fleet 71 Fall Regatta		J24	
	Oct 30	Sun	HYC	Frostbite Series #1		PN	
	Nov 5	Sat	BBSA	Willoughby Hot Buttered Rum Race	N		
	Nov 6	Sun	HYC	Frostbite Series #2		PN	
	Nov 13		HYC	Frostbite Series #3		PN	
	Nov 20		HYC	Frostbite Series #4		PN	
	Nov 27	Sun	HYC	Frostbite Series #5		PN	
	Dec 4	Sun	HYC	Gaboon Race		PN	
	Jan 1	Sun		New Years Madness Race		PNC	
	Jan 1	Sun	SYC	New Years Day Race			

Admirals Cup

PNC

<u>LEGEND:</u> BBSA – Broad Bay Sailing Association

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Aug 13 Sat

BSC-SBRW - Black Seal Cup-Southern Bay Race Week

CBYRA - Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association

CCV - Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV Racing)

CNU – Christopher Newport University

FBYC - Fishing Bay Yacht Club

YRYC/SYC

HYC - Hampton Yacht Club

LYC - Langley Yacht Club

MORC - Midget Ocean Racing Class

NONC - Midget Ocean Nacing Class

NNSA – Norfolk Navy Sailing Association

NYCC - Norfolk Yacht and Country Club

OPCYC - Old Point Comfort Yacht Club

PBC - Portsmouth Boat Club

PHRF – Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (of the Chesapeake)

Ports. - City of Portsmouth

RRYC - Rappahannock River Yacht Club

SYC - Seaford Yacht Club

SMSA - Southern Maryland Sailing Association

UCYC - Urbanna Creek Yacht Club

WRYC - Ware River Yacht Club

YPM - Yankee Point Marina

YPYC - Yankee Point Yacht Club

YRYC - York River Yacht Club

Racing Class Designations = C - Cruising Class (non-sanctioned);

Cat - Catamaran; COD - Cruising One Design; M - MORC;

N - PHRF Non-Spin; P - PHRF Spinnaker.